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Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Alaimo
(Via Email)

Retainer Agreement: *Alaimo v. General Motors Corp.*

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Alaimo:

I hereby agree to represent you in regard to an appeal to the Appellate Division Third Department from a jury verdict finding no liability in the referenced case by the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Sullivan County.

I agree to accept a Four Thousand (\$4,000.00) dollar flat fee as to this matter, Two Thousand (\$2000.00) on the entry of this agreement and Two Thousand (\$2000.00) before the appeal is filed in Court. In addition to my fees, you will be responsible for the payment of any expenses that may be needed and approved by you. There is a \$65.00 filing fee in the Supreme Court for the Notice of Appeal; and a \$315.00 filing fee in the Appellate Division that will be advanced to me upon the entry of this agreement. The total due on entered this agreement is \$2380.00.

I will take such steps as are required to enter judgment in Sullivan County and timely file a Notice of Appeal and I agree to present such evidence and documents as is legally appropriated under the C.P.L.R. and the Rules of the Appellate Division Third Department.

You may, at any time subsequent to the execution of this agreement, discharge me from acting as your attorney for any reason or for no reason at all. Should you elect to do so, your file and its contents will be returned to you, provided, at the time of the delivery of the file, you pay the customary cost for copying (12 cents a copy) and provided your final bill for services, costs, and disbursements has been paid in full.

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In the event you dispute the amount of fees or reimbursements billed by me, whether paid or not, you have the right to elect to resolve that dispute by arbitration under the rules of the Chief Administrator of the Courts, Part 137. This arbitration proceeding is not available if the dispute is less than \$1,000 or more than \$50,000. If you inform me of such a dispute, I will send you a notice instructing you how to perfect your claim and initiate such arbitration proceeding.

While I can not make any guarantee as to the successful conclusion of this matter, I will use my best efforts on your behalf. You acknowledge that I make no guarantees nor have I ever made any guarantee regarding the final outcome of this matter.

Kindly indicate your understanding and acceptance of this agreement by signing below where indicated and be certain you understand the meaning and significance of this agreement before so executing.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ronald Cohen', written in a cursive style.

Ronald Cohen

I have read this agreement,
understand its import, and
agree to pay the fees
and expenses as stated.

Vincent Alaimo

Susan Alaimo